

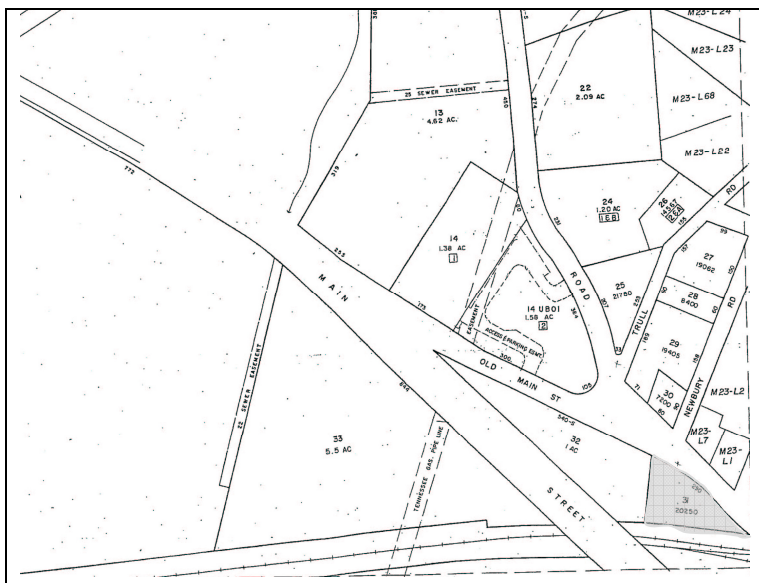
# FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

## Photograph



## Topographic or Assessor's Map



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**Town:** Tewksbury

**Place:** (*neighborhood or village*)  
Wamesit

**Address:** 219 Old Main Street

**Historic Name:** Abram Mace House

**Uses:** Present: Single Family Residential  
Original: Single Family Residential

**Date of Construction:** c1830

**Source:** Assessor's Records

**Style/Form:** No Style

**Architect/Builder:**

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**

**Major Alterations** (*with dates*):  
Siding & Windows (2009)

**Condition:** Fair

**Moved:** no | X | yes | | **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acreage:** 0.46 acres

**Setting:** Formerly a rural area, the area is now predominately residential to the northeast, but increasingly commercial to the west towards I495 and along Route 38 (Main Street).

# INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

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219 OLD MAIN STREET

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\_\_\_ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

*Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.*

The two-and-a-half story dwelling at **219 Old Main Street** has been altered by new windows and vinyl siding, leaving very little detail. The rectangular plan dwelling rests on a granite foundation. A long one-story ell extends from the northeast end of the dwelling. The side gable roof forms are clad in asphalt shingles. The symmetrical façade of the five by two bay dwelling features a centrally located door. A secondary entrance is located on the northeast elevation. Two additional entrances are located on the southeast façade of the long ell. The outbuildings formerly associated with the dwelling have been demolished.

### HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

*Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.*

According to Assessors Records and local history, the house was built c1850 and built by Abram Mace. Although recent alterations have removed several character defining features like the central chimney, the remaining form and second floor windows set just below the eave could indicate an earlier construction date. Interior observations and additional deed research could find a construction date closer to 1830.

Abram Mace was born in Tewksbury in 1798 to Benjamin and Rebecca [French] Mace. Benjamin died in 1828 and his widow died the following year in 1829 at age 74. In 1823 Abram Mace married Elizabeth (Betsey) Johnson. They had a son Joel (b 1825) and a daughter Zora. Betsey died in 1828 of fever and Abram married Mary Johnson in 1830. They had two daughters, Mary Elizabeth (b1837) and Susan Ellen (1839-1847). Mary Johnson Mace died in 1847 of dysentery. Later Abram remarried to Harriet N Gage of NH.

According to historic maps, atlases, and census records, Abram Mace occupied the house near the crossing of the Boston & Lowell line at the junction of Main, Clark, and Beaver Dam Streets. The railroad crossing was known as Mace's Crossing and the station was known as Wamesit. In 1889 Abram Mace died and his son Joel inherited his father's farm.<sup>1</sup> In 1880 Joel's half-sister Mary Elizabeth had married Harry Learned, a salesman. Harry's brother Wilbur Learned, a civil engineer, inherited the house from Mary and sold the farm in 1919 to Sophia Soteriades.

Sophia was the wife of Theodore Soteriades, a farmer. Both were born in Greece and had come to the United States in 1917 with their sons George and Avangelus. In 1938 plans for the relocation of Main Street west to a new overpass over the railroad tracks indicate that the Soteriades land included the house and connected sheds (extant), a roadside stand, a large barn, a large garage, and an unconnected shed that were located on the plot of land between Old Main Street and the railroad tracks. Two additional outbuildings, including another large barn were located in the direct path of the newly laid out overpass.

In 1944 Sophia sold the house and 30 acres to Anna Labonte. In 1964 Jesse Labonte, the husband and heir of Anna, sold the farmhouse to Geraldine Labonte Gosselin. Geraldine was a bookkeeper and her husband James was an engineer.

Additional owner include: Geraldine Murphy[Geraldine Labonte Gosselin] & Winifred LaBonte (1971-1986); Geraldine Murphy (1988-1999); Lee Anne & Paul Dunfey (1999-2004); Paul J Dunfey III to Lee Anne Dunfey (2004-2005); and Michael T Donahue (2005-2009).

<sup>1</sup> Middlesex County Registry of Deeds. Book 377, Page 118.

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